









IN THE PRIPET MARSHES. WIRE ENTANGLEMENTS IN OPEN WATER.

ICE DYNAMITED BY GERMANS.

A vivid description of the German from the Pripet Marshes is given in the "Irish Times." The author, writing from "Pripet," says:

"Picture a dreary expanse of snow, ice, and water, dotted with clumps of man-high yellow reeds, with little white islands covered with powerful fortifications and blockhouses, built on poles and driven into the water, and on either side the marshes, an interminable line of machine-gun emplacements, and in the water, in every direction, the wharves of German soldiers engaged in every conceivable occupation except fighting, and you have this fantastic fighting front."

"Every few minutes you hear a roar and a small volcano of mud, ice, and snow spouts skyward. You think the Russian artillery is waking up at last, but it is only parties of German hydroplanes flying over the marshes, dropping bombs and machine-gun fire."

"You witness curious Arctic expeditions of sledges, parties with the Germans' white face overalls, slowly dragging provisions, ammunition, and other supplies, and in the farthest corners, on the open water, are seen on a giant raft are engaged in driving piles and building a bridge, and in the marshes, and more piles, bridges—while, strange to say, the German cavalrymen in overalls are putting out more machine-gun emplacements and elevated trenches for the purpose of turning the Pripet marshes into a vast field of battle."

"On the Pripet shore of the Pripet river the Germans are engaged in engineering operations. They are building a line of dugouts, and along these, with armed motor-boats, are patrolling the river. The Germans are also building a line of log have been sunk in the defence of the swamp."

"The German batteries are putting up the light of their lives, not against the Russians, but against a more implacable enemy—the Russian hydroplanes. The German troops are also engaged in engineering operations. They are building a line of dugouts, and along these, with armed motor-boats, are patrolling the river. The Germans are also building a line of log have been sunk in the defence of the swamp."

"I saw no hospital trains and no ambulances, but a large hospital, complete in every detail, was seen on the Pripet shore. The hospital was built on a small island, and was surrounded by a line of machine-gun emplacements. The hospital was built on a small island, and was surrounded by a line of machine-gun emplacements. The hospital was built on a small island, and was surrounded by a line of machine-gun emplacements."

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"THE DEAD MUST LIVE ON."

VOTES OF FALLEN HEROES.

M. BARRES'S SUGGESTION.

M. Maurice Barres, of the French Academy, contributes to a recent number of the "Revue de Paris" an interesting article entitled "Once More the Suffrage of the Dead."

He makes therein the novel suggestion that the votes of French soldiers, fallen in the war, should be given in days of peace to their representatives. Mothers, sisters, and widows, as well as soldiers, could thus exercise the franchise on behalf of heroes that had passed away. They could be attorneys for the civil rights of their dead. And in some cases, it is thought, men might bequeath their political beliefs much the same as their property. A translation of M. Barres's article follows.

"The dead must live on, his thought must not stop acting in this homeland which he has saved. I ask that the hero, fallen for France, shall be saved from the oblivion of his grave. He will not pass away; he will live in the hearts of his countrymen. He will speak in the great councils of the nation, and a voting-paper be prepared for him, let it be a white card, and he himself, rather than the law, shall be the suffrage of the dead."

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DROP FROM BALLOON.

THRILLING ESCAPE BY PARACHUTE.

FRENCH LIEUTENANT'S ADVENTURE.

One of the most thrilling adventures of this war was the escape from capture or death of a young French lieutenant, who, in a parachute, dropped from a balloon, and, after a long and perilous journey, reached his home.

The French lieutenant, who was named M. Paul, was captured by the Germans while he was in a balloon. He was taken to a prison, and was kept there for several months. He was then released, and he escaped from the prison by jumping from a balloon.

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IRELAND'S ROLL OF HONOUR.

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